L. H. J. Sherriffs returns do not answer the orders by his Ex<sup>cy</sup> to them given.

What these Orders were we know not, therefore cannot give any opinion therein.

11. As to that paragraph concerning the Assemblyes address to his Maj<sup>ty</sup> for the remission of forfeited Bonds &c.

Wee find not only forwarded but seconded by his Ex<sup>cy</sup> on our behalfes.

Ordered that the thanks of this house be returned to his  $Ex^{cy}$  for the same.

12. As to that part relating to Large Tracts of Land &c. This house does desire his Ex<sup>cy</sup> to acquaint his Lordshp: the Lord Baltemore Agents therewith in order to regulate that ill convenience.

13. As to an Act of Generall pardon.

This house is not conscious to themselves that this Province Labours under any Guilt and therefore humbly conceive that they have no need of such pardon.

14. Paragraph relating to two condemned women, we are

of opinion has no relacon to this house.

15. That part of the Letter concerning M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Dents petition for Sol<sup>r</sup> Generalls office we humbly conceive only relates to his Ex<sup>cy</sup>

16. As to addresses and associacons. We are of opinion

requires no remark.

i7. As to peticons, addresses and Letters having Large margents. We conceive it necessary that they have Large margents as required.

This comittee having Inspected another Letter from the Lords Com<sup>rs</sup> for Trade &c dated the 21<sup>st</sup> of March 1697/8

relating to privateers &c

Is answered in the 9<sup>th</sup> paragraph of the former. This Comittee haveing likewise Inspected a Letter from the Lords Com<sup>rs</sup> for Trade &c. relateing to agents the same was put to the vote if this province shall maintaine an agent in England or not.

And carried by the majority of voices not to maintaine any

agents.

James Keech to his Ex<sup>cy</sup> dated the 16<sup>th</sup> of October Importing the purchase of Lands at Coole Springs.

Ordered that this comittee prepare a bill to Enable some fitt persons to purchase 50 acres of Land for the use of the Coole Springs and of the ptye or ptyes, owner or owners thereof shall refuse to such Quantity at reasonable rates to Impower